

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been amended. Claims 8 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

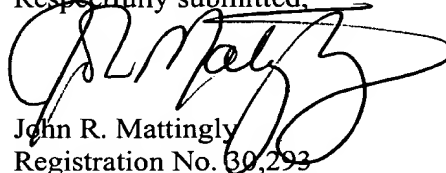
35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barry et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,745,657 in view of Bhattacharjya et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,963,714. Claims 1 and 9 have been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 8 and 13, respectively, since each of these claims has been indicated as being allowable. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend on claim 11; and claim 12 has been amended to depend on claim 9. Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection should be withdrawn., and claims 1-7 and 9-12 should be allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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